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Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a decorative aluminum automotive vehicle body, said method comprising:

making an automotive vehicle body structure comprising external door panels, a hood panel, fender panels, a trunk-lid panel, and a roof panel where visible surfaces of said body structure to be colored for consumer acceptance are formed of aluminum or aluminum alloys;

anodizing the visible surfaces of said body structure in an acid solution; and

coloring the anodized surfaces of said body structure in a process selected from the group of processes consisting of adsorptive coloring, electrolytic coloring, and interference coloring.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of making a decorative aluminum automotive vehicle body as recited in claim 1, said method further comprising dipping the colored vehicle body structure in a solution of fluoride or silica compounds in the presence of nickel salts to cold seal the colored surfaces of said body or parts.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of making a decorative aluminum automotive vehicle body as recited in claim 2, said method further comprising immersing said colored and cold sealed vehicle body structure in deionized water at a temperature of about 90°C to about 100°C to hot seal the surfaces of said body or parts.

4.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of making a decorative aluminum automotive vehicle body, said method comprising:

making an automotive vehicle body structure comprising external door panels, hood panel, fender panels, trunk-lid panel, and roof panel where visible surfaces of said body structure to be colored for consumer acceptance are formed of aluminum or aluminum alloys;

cleaning, if necessary, said body structure to remove natural oxide and other materials inhibitive of the following anodizing step; and